

SUNDAY, April 27, 2025

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section and watch for the live video to show shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also watch a recorded version of the service after it is over.

Sunday Morning Worship

Welcome to worship this Sunday! As we celebrate Eastertide, we continue to rejoice together in the good news of Christ's resurrection and the new life this brings to all of us. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening

Our Sunday evening gatherings at 6:00 PM typically follow the pattern of Vespers, or Evening Prayer, in which we spend time in prayer, praise, silence, and meditation, using prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer*. This evening, we will also gather at the Lord's Table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Council:

The Council approved nominees for elder and deacon and we will vote to approve these names today, **April 27** following our morning service. We will choose 3 deacons and 2 elders to serve a three-year term. The deacon nominees are Faby Addink, Kyle Dieleman, Avonda Fessler, Derek Friend, Andy Landman, Merrill McCarthy, Micah Schreurs, Atul Shinde, Dennis Vander Plaats, Jake Van Wyk, Channon Visscher, Joni Visscher, and Kurt Vos. The elder nominees are Doug De Boer, Laremy De Vries, Kyle Dieleman, Sanneke Kok, Andy Landman, Tammy Lief, Micah Schreurs, Dennis Vander Plaats, Channon Visscher, Joni Visscher, Kurt Vos, Laurey Zwart. Thanks to all who were willing to let their name stand.

Video Following Morning Service

You are encouraged to watch a ten-minute video of an amazing story from India showing the impact of the love of Christ in an unusually difficult situation (beginning immediately after the morning service as we vote). This video calls attention to both the power of the Holy Spirit and the work of Mission India (one of the giving options for our upcoming Spring Offering).



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday, **April 27**, we will have our final pastoral group dinner of the spring season with the **Christians/Van Schouwen** pastoral group gathering for fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

FOSSIL Gathering

If you are 60+ years of age, you are invited to join the F.O.S.S.I.L. group for food (soup & bread) and fellowship in the fellowship hall from 5:30-7:00 PM on Monday, **April 28**. Please RSVP to Pat Crull (spcrull@mtcnet.net) if you plan to attend.

Women's Gathering

On **May 1** at 1:30 PM all Covenant women are invited to come to the church parking lot. We will then split up into cars and head for Big Red Barn Goat Milk Soaps farm near Hospers. We plan to watch the milking and a soap-making demo. There will be lotions and soaps for you to purchase. Questions? Call Rin (712-422-0404).

Covenant Swap Meet

The Missions and Outreach Committee would like you to save Saturday, **May 3** on your calendar for the exciting and much anticipated Swap Meet. Bring your no longer wanted or needed treasures to church between 8 and 9 AM on Saturday morning and go home with someone else's. Things to bring: Household goods, furniture, linens, kitchen gizmos, lawn tools, old tools, sporting goods, toys, puzzles, books. Things not to bring: clothing, broken items, garbage. We will again invite other local congregations to join us. Volunteers for helping to set up at 8:00 and to take down tables at noon are appreciated.

May Courier

The May Courier is in your mailbox and can be found on our [website](#).

Spring Offering of Thanks

Spring offering envelopes are in your mailboxes! The deacons are focusing on national/global ministries for the spring offering. Please return to the offering boxes or mail to the church office by Sunday, **May 11**!

Dordt Music Events

All of the concerts are in the BJ Haan Auditorium and will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

- The Dordt Music Department invites you to attend the Small Ensembles Concert on Monday, **April 28** at 7:30 PM. The concert will include the percussion ensemble, brass ensemble, clarinet quartet, and the saxophone ensemble.
- Join us for the final concert by the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles on **May 1** at 7:00 PM. The concert will feature the Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra and Wind Symphony. Music to be performed will range from older classics to modern works by 21st century composers. The concert will culminate with the Wind Symphony presenting the monumental work 'Symphony No. 7' by David Maslanka.
- The Choral Ensembles Spring Concert at 7:00 PM on Friday, **May 2** will feature four of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will feature a wide variety of choral music including classic settings from Mendelssohn, Pablo Casals, and Randall Thompson; modern arrangements of psalms, folk songs, and pop tunes; and new 21st century works. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit.

ATLAS/CFE Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

If you haven't marked your calendars, please mark them for Friday, **May 2**! It is our Annual ATLAS/CFE Dinner & Auction Fundraiser! We'd love to have you join us!! Freewill donation supper begins at 5:30 PM, with the auction beginning at 6:30.

Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon

Ladies, you are invited to attend the Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon on Monday, **May 5** at Rock Valley First CRC (1401 16th Street, Rock Valley). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30

AM; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book “Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David’s Harem”. Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this event!

40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2025

40 Days of Prayer are written prayers representing the diversity of CRC members that will guide us for the 40 days leading up to synod. [Sign up](#) to receive an email with the prayer for the day, or a PDF with each week’s prayers. The 40 Days of Prayer will begin next Sunday, **May 4**, and will conclude as Synod 2025 delegates gather on **June 12**. You can find more information at crcna.org/synod/prayer

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Pastor Dustin Bolks.

Last week’s offering General Fund: \$2,573.00 Christian Education Fund: \$387.74 Building Fund: \$327.50

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, all cash/checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact your deacon with any questions.

Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday’s bulletin and liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: The Groenewold-Van Dyks’ latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous’ latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). An update from Pastor Gianni Gracia in Miami is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry’s April prayer requests are [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, May 4
Greeters	AM: Ethan B, Merrill MC, Jason VB	AM: Cheri H, Marty VP, Michael VP
Ushers	AM: Ruth Clo, Pat C, Andy L	AM: Sally J, Jake VW, Marcia W
Coffee	Jenni B, Isabel C, Mary D, Shirley M, Rock MC	Sharon D, Jeremy H, Mark MC, Dennis VP, John Z
Subs	Len R, Dave S, Les S, Beth VB, Channon V, Sharon V	Wil A, Rebecca DS, Sarah H, Marcy H, Sherri TN, Trena VW
Valet Parking	Marcy H	Mark H
Sound/Projection	Will B ♦ Ryan Z	Andy L ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Laura J	AM: Jason & Sara H, Alejandro & Isabel C

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!


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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week
Sarah Stiemsma, Jacob Van Tol, Julian Addink

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 27th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Christians/Van Schouwen Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Communion Vespers
Monday	5:30 PM	FOSSIL Gathering
	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men’s Bakery Study Group (at Casey’s Bakery)
	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	1:30 PM	Women’s Outing
	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
Saturday	8:00 AM	Swap Meet
Sunday, 4th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers